

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 7---Senator Strom Thurmond (D-SC) tore a huge verbal gash into New York Senator Jacob Javits and the State of New York on the Senate floor late today in a heated row over Northern crime and attempts to force integration of the races in the South.

The South Carolina Senator was called on a point of order by Oregon Senator Wayne Morse for "reflecting on the great Empire State." Senate Rule XIX was invoked against Thurmond and he was ordered seated.

Moments later Thurmond rose to his feet again and invoked the same rule against Javits for maligning South Carolina and the Southern States. Javits was also seated. Shortly thereafter both Senators had their rights to the floor restored by the Senate.

The flare-up was touched off when Javits attempted to reply to a speech Thurmond had just made about "the recent wave of terror, crime, and juvenile delinquency occurring in the big Northern cities which have acceded to political demands for integration." Thurmond had accused the Northern politicians of "political hypocrisy" and had urged them to "turn their efforts toward more fruitful endeavors because South Carolina will never integrate and accept an even more mammoth mess than the people of the North are willing to take."

When Javits attempted to reply, Thurmond told him, with an assist from Senator Eastland, to "go back to New York City



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and clean up his own mess there first." He added further:

"We have not had a single racial incident in South Carolina. We have segregation in South Carolina, and we do not have trouble down there. I do not see why we need people from New York or any other State to tell us how to run our business when we are having no trouble. We are having peace and harmony. The Senator from New York is trying to create tensions and start racial hatreds among people of different races in my State."

After engaging in a colloquy with Eastland about the crime and violence in New York, which both linked to integration, Thurmond made the following remark which prompted Morse to call for the point of order:

"If I lived in that State I would be ashamed of it. Such conditions as that would send a flush of shame to my cheeks and a pang of regret to my heart..."

"He (Javits) has a wide open field in New York to do a great deal of good. With all the crime that has been committed--murders, rapes, and other atrocious crimes--in New York, it seems to me that he would have his hands full if he were to stay in New York City and work among his own people."

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Javits was taken off his feet by Thurmond--who really had no right to the floor himself under the previous ruling--- for accusing every one of the Southern States of "flouting the Constitution every day." Thurmond punched back verbally with a firm ~~denial~~ and a request that the New York Senator be required to take his seat under the rules. The presiding officer immediately ordered Javits to take his seat.